



THE
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
FEMALE ASSOCIATION
OF
PHILADELPHIA,

FOR THE
Relief of Women and Children,

IN
REDUCED CIRCUMSTANCES.

“Blessed are the Merciful.”



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THE many distresses incident to human nature, require the constant aid of the humane and benevolent. To extend relief to retiring indigence, and to rescue from suffering the offspring of those who are victims of misfortune, a number of Ladies of Philadelphia, believing that union alone will give strength equal to the undertaking, have met together and formed a society for this purpose; and that the design may be carried into effect in a manner the most advantageous, do agree to form a constitution for the society as follows,

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Article I. *The Name of the Society.*

THE Society shall be established and known by the name of THE FEMALE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, *for the relief of Women and Children in reduced circumstances.*

Article II. *Members and Donors of the Society.*

EVERY Lady who subscribes three dollars annually, shall be a member of the society.— Gentlemen and Ladies who make occasional donations, shall be recorded as Donors.

Article III.

THERE shall be two general meetings of the society in a year—one on the third Wednesday of April, and the other on the third Wednesday of November—the last of which shall be considered as the anniversary. The time and place of every meeting shall be determined by the President, of which notice shall be given to the members. Thirteen members shall form a quorum and be able to proceed to business. At the meeting in November, a President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the society shall be chosen by a plurality of the votes present. At this meeting also, there shall be chosen thirteen Ladies, who, together with the Treasurer, shall constitute a Board of Directors. These ap-

pointments shall continue for a year, unless the annual meetings of the society should be prevented, in which case they shall serve until others are elected in their room. Alterations or amendments to the constitution may be proposed and decided on, only at the meetings in November. At each general meeting a report shall be received by the society of the effects of the charity ; and a decision shall be taken on such questions as shall, for this purpose, be referred to the Board of Directors. The President of the society shall, if present, preside in the general meetings of the society, preserve order, declare the decisions of the society when made, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and be the organ of communication with any other charitable institution with which the society may chuse to correspond, or from which they may receive communications. The secretary of the society shall keep a record of the transactions of the general meetings in a book to be prepared for that purpose ; she shall keep a register of the names of the Members of the society, and also a separate register of the Donors.

Article IV. *The Board of Direction.*

Sect. I. THE Board of Direction shall meet once in a fortnight, statedly ; and at other times on their own adjournments, if they judge it ex-

pedient. Five members of the Board shall be a quorum. The Board shall annually chuse a President and Secretary. The Board shall direct the application of the funds, subject only to the limitation of the constitution. They shall appoint managers of the charity; they shall report to the general meetings of the society the effects of the charity, and the state of the funds; they shall submit for decision any questions upon which they desire the opinion of the society at large. The Board of Directors shall reserve out of all monies belonging to the society, at least twenty per centum to form a permanent fund for the security of the charity, which, with any other monies or property which may be given or ordered for the like purpose, shall be improved in the best manner by the Board, as an increasing fund for the benefit of the charity; and in no case to be applied without the order of the general association. It may be laid out in public stock or other improvable property, and may be changed at the pleasure of the Board. The Board shall have power to fill up vacancies occasioned by the resignation or death of any of their members.

Sect. II. THE President of the Board shall be chosen from the members thereof, and continue in office for one year, and until another be chosen. She shall preside at all meetings of the

Board, preserve order, state questions for discussion, declare the decision after a vote, and in all equal divisions of the Board, give the casting vote.

Sect. III. THE Secretary of the Board shall be elected from the members of the society at large; but, if chosen from the Board of Directors, shall cease to act as a Director. She shall continue in office for one year, and until another be chosen. She shall notify to the members all meetings of the Board, specifying both the time and place appointed. She shall keep the minutes of the Board, and shall prepare such reports and make such statements of the funds to be laid before the general meetings of the society, as the Board of Directors may order.

Article V. *The Treasurer of the Society.*

THE Treasurer shall be elected from among the unmarried ladies of the society. In case of her marriage the office shall cease, and the President shall appoint a successor until an election shall take place. She shall collect and pay into the Bank of the United States in the name of the President for the use of the association, all monies belonging to them, and shall exclusively draw it from thence when wanted, by checks signed by herself as Treasurer. She shall keep fair accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the

society and Board of Directors. She shall lay before the Board of Directors half yearly, and before the society yearly, and as often as either may require, regular statements of the funds or other property of the Society. She shall pay all monies ordered by the society or by the Board of Directors, on warrant issued by the President of the society or President of the Board of Directors, and countersigned by either of the Secretaries, a receipt on which, by the person, or his order, in whose favour such warrant is drawn, shall be a sufficient voucher to discharge her. She shall annually settle all her accounts with a committee to be appointed by the society, and if they be allowed, she shall receive a regular discharge accordingly. She shall deliver to her successor in office, all monies and other property, books, vouchers and documents in her possession, within one week after the expiration of her office; and in general, shall obey the orders and instructions of the society and Board of Directors that may from time to time be legally made and given to her. Before entering on the duties of her office, she shall give bond in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, with one sufficient security, to the President of the Society, to be approved of by her, or in her absence, by the President of the Board of Directors, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust vested in her by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, and Board of Direction.

Article VI. The Managers of the Charity.

THE managers of the charity shall be appointed from among the members of the Society or the Board of Directors, as often and in such numbers as may be thought necessary. They shall each receive from the Treasurer such sums for distribution as the Board of Directors may order. They shall inquire after proper objects of charity, and give them such relief as may be in their power. They shall report to the Board how they have disposed of the monies put into their hands.

Resolutions as By-Laws of the Society.

RESOLVED, That although the general powers of the Board of Directors and of the managers of the charity will extend to the relief of all women and children in reduced circumstances, yet in the infancy of the Institution and while the funds are small, the Society doth hereby ordain that the charity shall be limited to the relief of single women, unless in extraordinary cases, and by special order of the Board of Directors.

RESOLVED, That all subscriptions shall be regularly paid by the members at the annual meeting in November, when the Treasurer shall appoint an hour when she will attend for the purpose of receiving the same.

RESOLVED, That all elections of officers, both in the general meetings of the Society, and Board of Directors, shall be by ballot.

THE Board of Directors will regulate the management of its business, as much as may be, by a system of By-Laws consistent with the general spirit and regulations of the constitution.

RESOLVED, That the education of poor children will be a favourite object with the society whenever their funds will enable them to support the expense.

RESOLVED, That unless in extraordinary cases, no person shall be relieved by the managers; who, having children, shall refuse to put such of them as are of a proper age to good trades, or eligible service, or to send them to a charitable school when in their power.

RESOLVED, That in all cases in which it is practicable, relief shall be given in necessaries rather than in money.

RESOLVED, That any lady who, not attending at the annual meeting in November, shall send her subscription at that time, shall be permitted to vote by proxy for the officers of the society.

A Report of the Female Association of Philadelphia January 1st, 1803.

THE Female Association of Philadelphia, having been particularly favoured by the benevolent contributions of their fellow citizens, consider it as a duty incumbent upon them, after two years experience of the plan on which their Society is established, to report in as concise a manner as is consistent with full information, the issue of their labours and the consequences attending the application of the funds intrusted to their care. This cannot be better done, than by taking the substance of the several reports of the Directors and Managers made from time to time to the general meetings of the Society.

The Society was organized in the autumn of the year 1800, and the subscriptions and donations of the members that year amounted to \$2306 $\frac{5}{100}$. To these were added many generous and liberal donations in money, besides several specific articles from gentlemen who were friends to the institution, amounting to \$769 $\frac{7}{100}$, and making in the aggregate, the sum of \$3076 $\frac{2}{100}$.

Our constitution confines the benefactions of the Society to single women of good characters,

and their children, and a permanent improvement in the condition of such poor has been aimed at, rather than their temporary relief.

The City and Liberties have therefore been divided into certain wards, or districts, and there has been assigned to each ward, a manager whose duty it is to visit each applicant, to examine particularly into her moral character, her situation, her habits and mode of life, her wants, and the best means of affording relief, so that assistance may not be extended to the vicious and idle, when it is due only to the honest and industrious suffering under sickness and misfortune. If the person be deserving, and a proper object of the institution, she becomes the care of the managers. If her habitation be not comfortable, a more proper one is sought. If she be entitled to assistance in the ordinary way, from the overseers or guardians of the poor, application is made to them and assistance often obtained for those who through ignorance, a mistaken modesty, or, it may be, the want of health, were prevented from reaping the benefit of the very generous provision made by the laws of the state for particular cases. If the applicant should not be entitled to a provision from the public, or if from age, infirmity or sickness, the allowance made by the laws is not sufficient, the manager extends to her that relief which her situation particularly requires. The care of the Society ex-

tends still further. Sensible that comparatively, but a small benefit is effected by a temporary release from misfortune, it endeavours by advice, by direction and encouragement, to increase the exertion, the virtue and the hopes of the poor, wishing thereby, to rouse them from that state of apathy and indolence, into which their situation tends to throw them, and to make them useful to the community. During the last year, the receipts of the society were not so large as at first, owing to several considerable public donations being in their nature temporary, and not expected to be repeated. The subscriptions and donations from members amounted to \$1143 dollars and extra donations in money to 153 dollars. The number of applicants who were relieved during the first year, amounted to two hundred and ninety seven women and two hundred and seventy three children who were real objects of charity. Of the women, thirty six were more than fifty years of age, two were upwards of seventy, ten above eighty, one of ninety, and two of one hundred. During the second year the number was lessened, the women amounted to two hundred and twenty nine, and the children to nearly three hundred, equally objects of distress and commiseration. Of these numbers, some have died, but the distresses of a death bed have been greatly alleviated; and many having been brought through the se-

verity of the winter with tolerable comfort, were able in the spring to provide for themselves, but some, particularly among the aged and infirm, continue to have an affecting claim for constant aid. Were it possible to impress the benefactors of this extensive charity with a realizing view of the extreme wretchedness that has been in most cases relieved; could they have seen the many instances of threatened misery which have evidently been averted by their generous interference, there is not an individual who would not rejoice in having been instrumental in saving a fellow creature from a state of desperation and wretchedness. They would with peculiar pleasure behold the naked cloathed, those who were famishing with hunger, unnoticed and unknown, comfortably fed, and the suffering sick receiving that relief which the attention of the managers could bestow.

The reflecting mind will receive additional satisfaction, by knowing that among the numerous objects relieved by this charity, very few indeed have been found unworthy, and those were soon discovered and dismissed.

Experience soon convinced the society of the necessity of providing a store room, as well for the reception of articles of cloathing, groceries, and other contributions which many well disposed to so useful an undertaking, were desirous of making; as for the purchase of articles in

large quantities which was found to be economical and convenient. Desirous also of giving employment to such women as were able to work, spinning wheels were provided and flax was given out under proper regulations to be spun. During the last year sixty-seven persons were employed, and the product of their labours has been woven into linen of different kinds, and sold so as in part to reimburse the expense incurred. If some small loss has been suffered, yet it has enabled many to contribute to their own support and thereby prove a benefit to society at large, by preventing the fatal consequences of idleness when they could not procure other employment.

The subscriptions and donations of the present year, it is feared from, various obvious causes will fall short of the last year, yet the society are not without encouraging hopes that their fellow citizens will not leave them destitute of sufficient aid in so desirable a work.

Pleased with the different well authenticated accounts of attempts lately made in Europe to benefit the condition of the poor in general by erecting soup houses, where wholesome nourishing soup may be had at a low rate, the society have ventured again on the public generosity by soliciting the means of attempting to set the example here, on a small scale by way of experiment; in hopes that when the guardians or

overseers of the poor shall be convinced of the benefit arising from this novel institution, it will be undertaken by them on a larger and a more improved plan, as they have the means so absolutely in their power. The success of this application has been nearly answerable to their expectations, and the society have been enabled to finish a small house for the purpose with proper boilers, in Cherry-street at the corner of Ninth between Arch and Race-streets, in the rear of their store room, where, if they are encouraged by future subscriptions, soup will be dealt out to the poor without discrimination, three days in the week at two cents per quart. One of the ladies will attend to see that it is properly made, answerable to the purpose for which it is intended. As the society cannot draw upon their original fund for this additional charity without doing essential injury to their whole plan, they will thankfully accept the further aid of the well-wishers to this experiment either in money, groceries, vegetables, or any other means for aiding the attempt. However discouraging the prospect of success was, at the commencement of this business, the Board of directors and managers have been supported through the difficulties that attended it on its outset, by the certainty of affording relief to a number of very distressed objects. It would be

doing manifest injustice to merit, should the society neglect on this occasion to acknowledge with marked gratitude, the signal and unwearied services of the managers appointed from time to time to conduct this important plan, and to whom it is principally owing that so much success has attended the enterprise, without the occurrences of any of the disagreeable circumstances that were apprehended by many. The polite and prompt assistance given on every occasion by the guardians of the poor and by several public institutions in this city of a like nature, particularly that of the ladies of the female society of friends, is greatfully remembered, and mentioned with respectful acknowledgments. The society cannot conclude this report, which necessarily has led them to contemplate the efficient aid given to so many children of sorrow, without suggesting to the benevolent subscribers, the importance of continuing to support an institution that so strongly characterizes the ladies of Philadelphia.

List of
MANAGERS.

Mrs. Coates, North Front street.....	No. 382
Mrs. Hodgdon, South Front street.....	277
Mrs. Spencer, North Third street.....	167
Mrs. Higginson, North Second street.....	30
Mrs. Passmore, Market street.....	215
Mrs. Flintham, Keys Alley.....	19
Mrs. M'Mullen, Almond street.....	24
Mrs. Tousard, Walnut street.....	175
Mrs. Echard, Spruce street.....	43
Miss Ann Correy, North Third street.....	4
Miss Ann Smith, North Third street.....	4
Miss Wilson, Walnut street.....	74
Miss Turner, South Second street.....	370
Miss Vanderen, North Seventh street.....	70
Miss Whitehead, Vine street.....	21
Miss Billington, South Sixth street.....	83
Miss Sayre, Walnut street.....	80
Miss Reed, Arch street.....	120
Miss Breck, Market street.....	321
Miss Feariss, Arch street.....	113

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Mrs. BOUDINOT, *President.*

Mrs. MEASE, *Secretary.*

Mrs. BRADFORD, *Treasurer.*

Directors.

Mrs. COX, *President.*

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Mrs. Bradford,

Mrs. Bunner,

Mrs. Green,

Mrs. Griffith,

Mrs. Murray,

Mrs. Montgomery,

Mrs. Miller,

Mrs. Stille,

Mrs. Stocker,

Miss Sproat,

Miss Smith,

Mrs. Taylor,

Miss Binney, *Secretary of the Board of direction.*

List of

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Mrs. Armat	3	3
Mrs. Ashley	3	
Mrs. W. Allibone	3	3

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Mrs. Burd	3	3
Mrs. Bedford	3	3
Mrs. Billington	3	3
Miss Mary Billington	3	3
Mrs. Boudinot	13	3
Mrs. S. V. Bradford	13	3
Mrs. S. B. Bradford	3	3
Mrs. Mary Bradford	3	3
Miss Mary Bradford	3	3
Miss Susan Binney	3	3
Mrs. Sarah Bayard	3	3
Mrs. Clement Biddle	3	3
Mrs. Brown	3	3
Mrs. Sarah Ball	3	3
Mrs. Sarah Bunner	3	3
Mrs. Sarah Barry	3	3
Mrs. Susan Blair	3	3
Mrs. Bethell	3	2
Miss F. Blair	3	3
Miss A. Blair	3	3
Mrs. Breck	3	3
Miss Breck	3	3
Mrs. Blackwell	3	3
Miss Mary Bridges	3	
Miss Eliza Brown	3	
Mrs. Christianna Bickham	3	
Mrs. William Bell	3	
Mrs. Sarah Barnhill	3	
Mrs. I. B. Boardley	3	3
Miss Elizabeth Boardley	3	3
Mrs. Barnhill 2d street	3	3
Miss E. Bethel	3	3

— Margaret Barclay	3
Miss Budd	3
Mrs. Sarah Bartow	3
C.	
Mrs. C. Chew	10
Miss Ann Curry	3
Mrs. Frances Clark	3
Mrs. Deborah Cohen	3
Miss Sally Clifton	3
Miss Ann Carson	3
Miss Mary Carson	3
Miss Eliza Carson	3
Mrs. Clark	3
Mrs. D. W. Coxe	3
Mrs. I. D. Coxe	3
Mrs. Dr. Coxe	3
Mrs. Esther Cox	3
Mrs. T. Clifford	3
Mrs. John Craig	3
Mrs. Ann Currie	3
Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell	3
Mrs. W. Cramond	3
Mrs. Elizabeth Chew	3
Miss Elizabeth Caldwell	3
Miss Anna Maria Cumpston	3
Mrs. Margaret Cauffman	3
Mrs. Elizabeth Condy	3
Mrs. W. Cadwallader	3
Mrs. Margaret Coates	3
Mrs. Mary Crawford	3
Mrs. Cuthbert	3
Miss Elizabeth Cox	3
Mrs. Matthew Carey	3
Mrs. Comegys	3
Mrs. Sophia M. Clark	3
Miss Sarah Cuthbert	3
Miss D. Cohen	3
Mrs. James S. Cox	3
Mrs. Bell Cohen	3
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Mrs. Decateur	3	3
Mrs. Eliza Davidson	3	
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Mrs. Elizabeth Darrach	3	3
Mrs. Douglass	3	
Mrs. Mary Duffield	3	3
Mrs. Donald	3	3
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Miss D. David	3	3
Mrs. Mary Dowers	3	3
Mrs. Dorothea Dale	3	3
Mrs. George Dobson	3	3
Mrs. Dallas	3	3
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Mrs. Ann Du Ponceau	3	
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Miss Dickinson		3
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E.

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Mrs. Mary Fisher	3	3
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Mrs. Ann Finley	3	3
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Miss Mary Feariss	3	3
Mrs. Thomas Francis	3	3
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Miss I. Fisher	3	3
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Miss Foreman		10

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Mrs. Elizabeth Green	3	3
Mrs. Gratz	3	3
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Mrs. Gore	3	3
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Mrs. Mary H. Gibbons	3	3
Mrs. Mary Geddes	3	3
Miss Mary Gamble	3	3
Miss Ann F. Gamble	3	3
Mrs. Gillespie	3	3
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Miss Catharine Gallagher	3	3
Miss Geddes	3	3
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Miss Mary Garrity	3	3
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Mrs. Mary Humphreys	3	
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Mrs. Julianna Harris	3	3
Miss Margaret Hamilton	3	3
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Miss Magdalen Johnson	3	
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Mrs. Isabella Innes	3	
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Mrs. Elizabeth Ingersoll	3	3
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Miss Lorain	3	
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Mrs. Susannah Latimer	10	3
Mrs. Frances Lewis	3	3
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Mrs. George Latimer	3	3
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Mrs. Elizabeth Magrath	3	3
Mrs. Mary Morgan	3	3
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Mrs. Moyes	3	3
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Miss Morgan	3	
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Miss Margaret M'Call	3	3
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Mrs. Plumstead	3	
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Mrs. Susanna Pratt	3	3
Mrs. Peterson	3	3
Miss Pearce		3
Miss Pratt		3
Mrs. Powel	3	3
Mrs. Potts Pottsgrove	3	3
Miss Frances Penrose		3
Mrs. Peters	3	3
Mrs. H. Philips		3
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Mrs. Redman	3	3
Mrs. Susannah Read	3	3
Miss. Susan Read	3	3
Mrs. Rebecca Redman	3	3
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Miss. E. Reed	3	3
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Mrs. Julia Rush	3	3
Mrs. Sarah Ralston	3	3
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Mrs. Mary Redman	3	
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Mrs. Mary Rhea	3	3
Mrs. Thomas Redman	3	3
Miss Mary Redman	3	
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Miss A. Rush		
Mrs. Martha Read		
Miss Mary Rush		
Miss Ann Rush		
Mrs. Mary Richards		
Mrs. William Read		
Mrs. Mary Riche		
Mrs. Roberts		

Mrs. B. Sewell	3
Mrs. Letty Smith	3
Miss Harriot L. Scott	3
Mrs. Martha Ann Shoemaker	3
— Ann C. Sheaff	3
Mrs. Judge Smith	3
T.	
Mrs. Rebecca Trenchard	3
Miss Eliza Turner	3
— Mary Turner	3
Mrs. Ann Thompson	3
Mrs. Sarah Toland	3
Mrs. Taylor	8
Mrs. M. D. Todd	3
Mrs. Tousard	5
Mrs. E. Tilghman	3
Miss Trenchard	3
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Miss. Vanderen	3
Mrs. Vanuxem	3
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Mrs. Weeks	3
Mrs. Hannah Whitehead	3
Miss Elizabeth White	3
Miss Mary White	3
Miss Mary Wilson	3
Mrs. Margaretta Wright	3
Mrs. Dr. Wistar	3
Mrs. Rachel Hill Wells	3
Mrs. Hannah Wells	3
Mrs. Charlotte Wyckoff	3
Mrs. Frances White	3
Mrs. Waters	3
Mrs. George Willing	3
Mrs. Woodman	3
Mrs. Robert Waln	3
Miss Sarah Whitehead	3
Mrs. J. Whitehead	3
Y	
Mrs. Mary York	
Mrs. Samuel York	

Donations

FROM NON SUBSCRIBERS, SINCE NOV. 1801.

Mrs. Capt. Jones, omitted in 1800.	10
Mr. Waxmough, ditto.	20
Mr. Brown,	6
Paul Smith, (of Demarara)	10
Joseph Ball,	7
Thomas White,	10
William Miller,	10
Jane Bayard, (Wilmington)	6
Mr. Jaudon,	6
Robert Ritche,	10
John Keble, & C. Evans executors of Archibald Thomson, to be laid out in bread, or flour at two annual payments,	200
Mrs. Gad,	2
Mrs. Mary Bethel,	2
Miss Willing,	2
Mrs. Du Ponceau,	2
Mrs. Rebecca Jackson,	2
Executors of Mrs. Donnel, a legacy,	83
Guardians of the poor,	92
Mrs. Rivardi,	61
Mr. Samuel Keith,	25
Mr. John A. Brown,	5
Mrs. Meeker, 4 doz. pair of shoes.	5
Palmer, 2 pieces of flannel,	
Calla, a piece of cotton,	
'v. 36 pair of shoes.	
the printing &c. of 500 copies	
atis,	30
sold.	119
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The following is the substance of the report of the committee appointed to superintend the building of the soup house, and the distribution of soup, made the April 1803.

IN order to raise the sum sufficient for the building and furnishing of the house, a call was made upon the liberality of the gentlemen of Philadelphia.— From this source the sum of 417 dollars was received—The expense of building the house, and of the purchase of the articles necessary for commencing the business, amounted to 390 dollars. This sum, however, is exclusive of the carpenters work, which the master workman, Mr. Bartle, generously gave as his donation to the institution.

A woman was engaged to make and deliver out the soup—This was done without any actual cost to the society, as she did it in consideration of the use of that part of the dwelling house not occupied as a store room—She performed her duty with neatness, and to the satisfaction of the committee.

The house was opened on the 11th Jan. last, and from that time to the time of making the report, there were delivered out nearly 1800 quarts of good wholesome soup—This quantity cost the society 33 dollars, but a great part of the vegetables used in it, were donations—The sum received for its sale, was 36 dollars 22 cents—The quantity sold was less than might have been expected, but this was owing to the ignorance of a great part of the poor, even in that part of the city where the house is, of the existence of the establishment.

From the experience of a few months, improved as it has been, the committee are satisfied that the institution will be useful, and that the erection of similar houses in different parts of the suburbs, would prove a cheap and effectual means of bettering the condition of the poor. They therefore do not hesitate to recommend the undertaking during an

Subscriptions for building the Soup House.

Dollars.

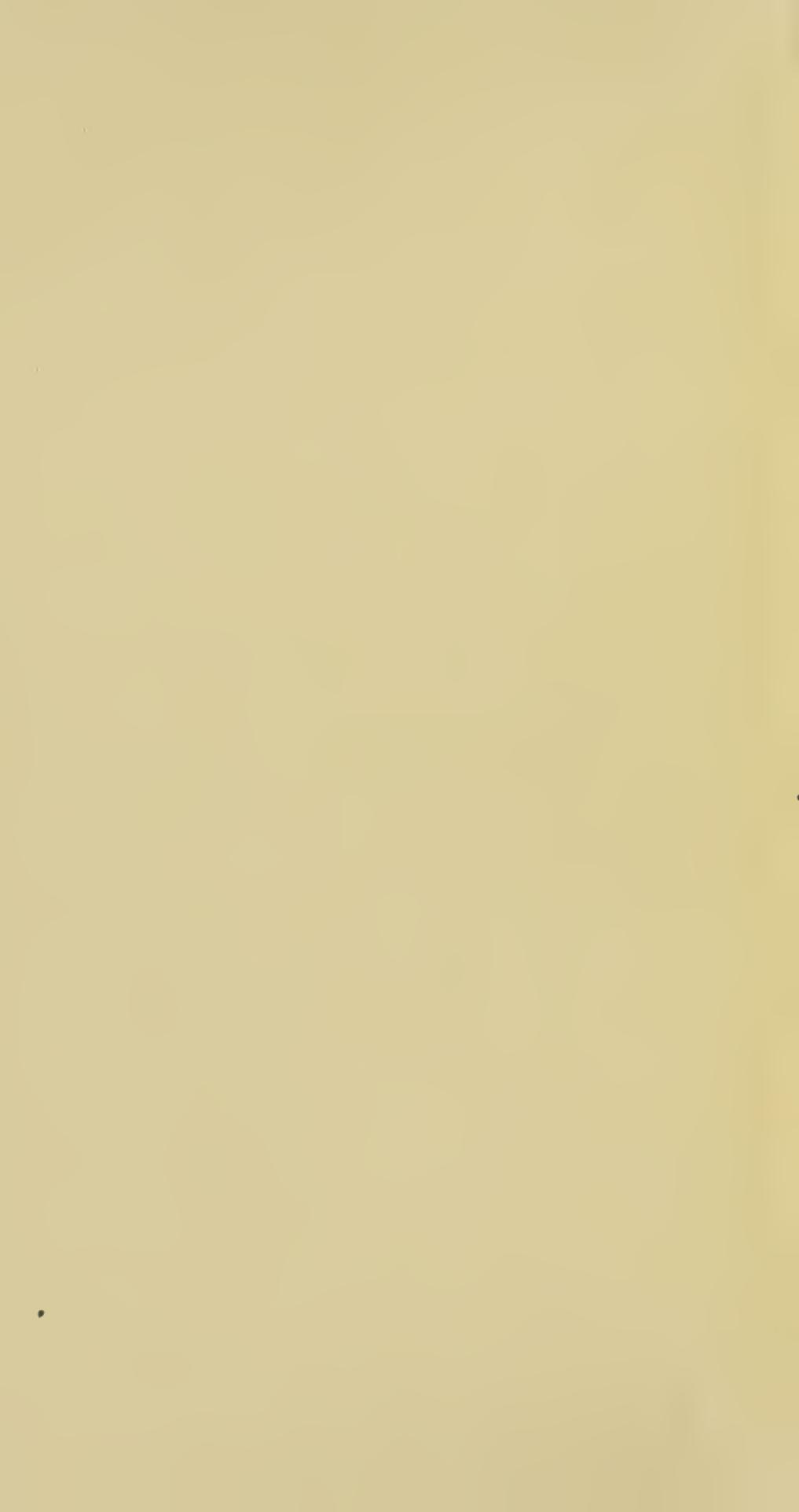
Rev. J. Janeway	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Mr. P. Kinsey	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Mr. George Taylor	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Mr. John Stille	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Mr. Allibone	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Mr. Ashbridge	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Mr. Rhodes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Mr. Griffith	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Mr. J. Reed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Mrs. Rivardi	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Mrs. Scott	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Mrs. Taylor	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Messrs. Bates & Keble	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
From several ladies	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Collected by Mr. John Dayton	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	185
by Miss Gratz	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
by Mrs. Cox	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
by Miss Wilson	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
by Miss Smith	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
by J. R. Smith	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
by Miss S. Read	17
by gentlemen at bank U. States	14
by gentlemen at bank Pennsylvania	12

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Donations to the Soup House.

Mr. Richards	a boiler
Mrs. Roberts	5c lb. rice
Fresnay	25 lb. vermicelli
Smith (at the rising sun)	cabbages and carrots
Stehead	6 lb. pepper
Smith	one barrel of carrots
	cabbages and potatoes
	turnips, cabbages and potatoes
	turnips and cabbages
	3 bags of potatoes
	2 barrels of potatoes

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